Unstarred Question No. 1844 answered on 12-8-1985. Whenever any instance of the bulk drug having been produced at a price less than the price allowed in the formulations comes into the notice of the Government, notices are issued to recover the difference in the Drug Prices Equalisation Account under Paragraph 7 of the Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1979. The process of recovery is on in accordance with due procedure of law. One of the masufacturer, namely M|s. Fulford India Ltd. have filed a Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court against the notice of recovery. The Writ Petition is yet to be admitted and the matter is now listed for hearing on 9th September, 1985.

Production of antiseptic drugs

2274. DR. JOSPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 801 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1983 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fairdeal Corporation and Astra-IDL did not include antiseptic preparations Itiol and Fairgenol in their applications submitted for permission under I(D&R) Act;

(b) if so, how the companies claimed approvals in the absence of specific mention of these items;

(c) whether Government have received explanations from them;

(d) if so, what are the main grounds of justification and what action was taken for violation of the rules/law;

(e) whether the investigation about the supply of these antiseptics to Government at much higher price than approved have been completed;

(f) if so, what is the outcome and what action was taken;

(g) whether it is a fact that these companies are marketing number of medicines without price approval;

(h) whether any verification was done; if so, the details thereof; and

(i) what are the names of the formulations marketed by the Companies and their approved and selling prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS' (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (i) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Manufacture of Bulk Drug by Multinationals

2275. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Abbott and Pfizer are not manufacturing bulk drugs in regard to which the Delhi High Court quashed the price fixation order; issued by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what were the grounds for quashing the order;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the formulations are vitamin preparations;

(d) what is the composition and indication of each product;

(e) what was the sales turnover of each product during the last three years, year-wise, and what percentage the same bore to the total sales turnover;

(f) what was their total sales turnover, pre-tax profit net worth capital employed, ex-factory value of production of bulk drugs and formulations during the last three years, year-wise;

(g) whether it is a fact that these companies have overproduced vitamin preparations than their licensed capacity by installing unauthorised plant and machinery; and

((h) if so, what was their licensed capacity and production of each item taken into account while applying for reendorsement?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) M/s. Abbott did not file any Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court. M|s. Pfizer Ltd. field a Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court against the prices of bulk Drug Oxytetracycline and its salts, PAC and its salts and the formulations based on these bulk drugs. The Delhi High Court set aside the Government order in the case of Pfizer Ltd. *inter-alia* on the ground that before revising the price opportunity of hearing should have been given to the Company. Government have already filed Special Leave Petition aganst the judgement of the Delhi High Court and the same is now listed or hearing on 20-8-1985.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) These details are not available with the Ministry.

(f) to (h) Information in respect of M|s. Abott Labs has already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 367 and 372 answered on 19th August, 1985. Information in respect of M/s. Pfizer Ltd. to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Import of Anti-caner Drugs

2276. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 595 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1985 and state:

(a) the names of the importers who imported Mitomycin, Adviamycin and Biomycin during the last five years alongwith the quantity imported by each during each year, consignments-wise;

(b) what was the CIF price of each anti-cancer medicine of each consignment;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prcies of import were cheaper than the base CIF price on which the selling price of each was fixed;

(d) whether the importers applied for price fixation consignment-wise;

(e) if so, the prices fixed each time and whether the cancer patients got these medicines at fixed prices;

(f) if not, what action was taken: and

(g) whether it is a fact that these three anti-cancer medicines which have a major sales turnover have been suggested for price decontrol by NDPDC; if so, on what ground?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) It is presumed that the Question refers to import of Mitromycin, Adiamycin and Bleomycin. Company-wise and consignment-wise imports are not being monitored by this Ministry.

(c) The prices were fixed under the provisions of DPCO, 1979 only after verification of purchase invoices/Bills of Entry of imported formulations.

(d) to (f) The prices fixed for different consignments of imported for-